GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF KUTCHA HOUSES INTO PUCCA HOUSES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalized a programme to convert Kutcha houses to Pucca houses by the year 2007;

(b) if so, whether any estimate has been done of the number of such houses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds spent and achievements made under the scheme so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): According to 1991 Census, the total rural housing shortage was 137.2 lakh in rural areas; out of which about 103.1 lakh unserviceable kutcha houses required conversion into pucca houses. With effect from 1st April, 1999, 20% of the Indira Awaas Yojana allocation is earmarked for conversion of unserviceable kutcha houses into pucca/semi pucca houses. A maximum assistance of Rs. 10,000/- per unit is provided for this purpose. As per reports received from States/UTs, about 5.6 lakh kutcha houses have been converted into pucca/semi-pucca and an expenditure of Rs.747.87 crores has been incurred so far.